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Story So Far

Lady Death claimed Hell as hers. Then Leviatha, Lucifer's first wife, made her mortal again, as Hope, and imprisoned her allies. Teased and taunted by Fagan, Hell's Court Jester, Hope was attacked by petty adversaries who would never have faced Lady Death, but were eager to mess with her human counterpart! Hope managed to survive by her wits and her mysterious vampiric sword, Nightmare...just in time to face a real threat: assassins from Heaven!

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LADY DEATH'S
ENDLESS
GRAVEYARD.

URIEL HAS STORMED THE GATES
OF HORN AND IVORY TO TOUCH
HOPE. ONCE, SHE WAS LADY DEATH,
HELL'S COMMANDER. NOW, SHE IS
ITS ONLY HUMAN OCCUPANT.

CHOSEN ONE OF THE
HAR OF THE JUDGMENT!
THE SERAPHIM HAVE
CONSIGNED YOU TO
CLEANSING!

THE FIRE
OF GOO WILL
TAKE YOU IN A
FRACTION OF
A MORTAL
SECOND.

BE NOT AFRAID!

STAY BACK! I
AM WARNING
YOU...

LADY DEATH'S PITILESS
CHILL COULD FREEZE
THIS ASSASSIN!

BUT WHAT CAN I DO
BUT SMELL MY FLESH AS
IT STARTS TO BURN?

PRAY FOR HELP...
FROM HELL?





AND, IN A SELDOM
SEEN CORNER OF
HEAVEN...

ERUM UP
STEPHANO?

HELL
HELP ME
I WILL BE
FREE!

OUR
LADY'S NOT
ABOUT TO GET A
CAVALRY CHARGE
FROM THE, UH,
SUPPORTING
CAST.

WHO?
SINCE THE
SERAPHIM
DECLARED
MARTIAL LAW,
NO ONE CARES
ABOUT OUR
THING!

WHEN
WAS THE
TIME A CHERUB
DROPPED IN
TO HELP US
TIDY ...

Shhhh!
LOOK, THE
NIGHT CLUB
IN SAO
PAULO!

THAT'S
RIGHT,
DARLING.
COME ON
IN.

BE NOT
AFRAID.

MASSIMO! I
TOLD YOU, DON'T
MENTION HER!
SOMEONE MIGHT
HEAR!

-GASP-
IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU KNOW HE
THRIVES ON THE
IMPOSSIBLE.

DUDE.
TELL ME WHEN
IT'S OVER.

YOU CAN'T
SILENCE ME!
YOU'VE BETRAYED
THE CAUSE OF
HEAVEN!

I WON'T
GO BACK,
MICHAEL!

YOUR
JUDGMENT
WAR IS NOT MY
WAR!

THAT
IS NOT FOR
US TO DECIDE.
GABRIEL.

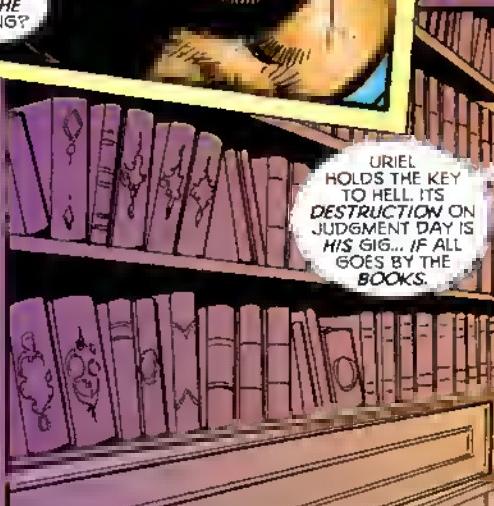
THERE WILL
BE ONE GOD
ONE WAY IN
HEAVEN

THAT'S
WHY I BAILED
FROM HEAVEN.
YOU JUDAS!

RRRGHH!



...HOW IS SHE DOING?



THESE WORKING-
CLASS ANGELS ARE
THE PARABOLA...

...HEAVEN'S
LIBRARIANS.

YOU
INSISTED WE USE
PAGAN TO WARN
HER HEAVEN'S HITMEN
WERE COMING! IF
MICHAEL CATCHES
ON --

DUDE, IF
WE DON'T WANNA
FRICASSEE LIKE
GABRIEL, WE BETTER
DESTROY... OUR...
COLLECTION.

MICHAEL WEPT A SINGLE TEAR
WHEN HE LEARNED THE ASSASSINS
HAD BEEN SENT, IT CHANGED INTO
A DIAMOND, WHICH HE CRUSHED
TO DUST BETWEEN TWO FINGERS.

Oh NO.

ARCHANGEL
MICHAEL. THIS
PERNICKY STUFF
OF EVIL! WE
GATHERED IT HERE
TO DESTROY
IT!

OF COURSE!
I INSISTED WE, UH,
SEND A KIND OF,
A SORT OF HERALD.
Uh, THAT'S
STANDARD...

BE
SILENT!
DID... THE
CHOSEN ONE
GET A WARNING.
AT LEAST?

THERE
ARE NO
"STANDARDS"
ANYMORE.
SPEAK
OF THIS TO NO
ONE, AND DO NOT
DESTROY THIS
EVIDENCE.

AND IF
ANYONE ASKS,
ANYONE... I
WAS NEVER
HERE.

UNDER GEHENNA.
HELL.

I CAN'T BE
DISTRACTED BY
THE WAILING OF
THE DAMNED!

AHHH

CHOOOM

NOR CAN
NIGHTMARE
AND I HIDE
IN MOLTEN
LAVA!

PAGAN TEASED
ME IN HIS WARNING!
HE MENTIONED MY
FATHER, MATTHIAS!

WHAT
DID HE
MEAN?

FINALLY,
YOU THINK OF
YOUR BELOVED
SIRE, A LITTLE
LATE.

WHAT?
MATTHIAS!
ARE YOU STILL
ALIVE?

WILL QUESTIONS
SAVE YOU FROM THE
FIRE OF HEAVEN.
LITTLE ONE?

RUN!

WE MUST
HAVE BLOOOOD!

WE'RE
WEAK! FEED
US!

I
HEARD.
DAMN YOU!

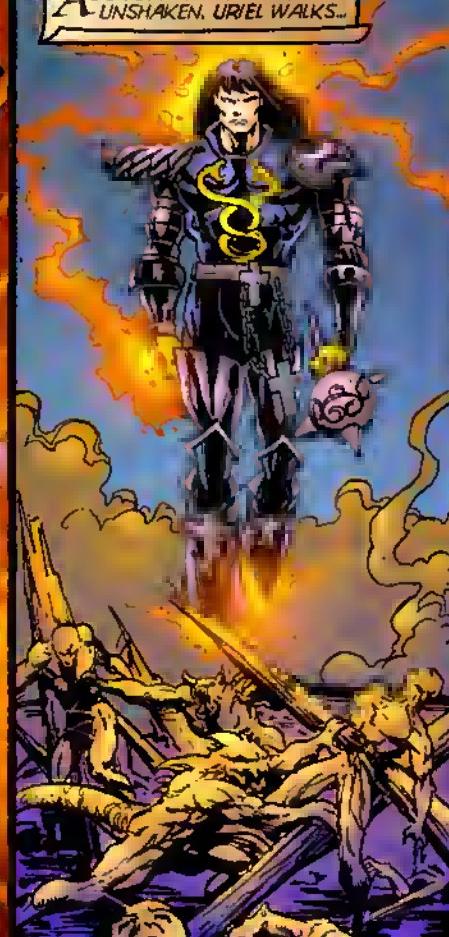
AND I
HEARD YOU
WERE HUMAN,
PROUD LADY —
AND HAD
TO SEE FOR
MYSELF!

NOW I
WILL END THE
PLAQUE ONCE
KNOWN AS LADY
DEATH!

SOOOO
WEEAK!

SORRY,
LITTLE DEMON --
HEAVEN'S SPOKEN
FOR ME
ALREADY!

CHOOOM



SOON, AT THE
CRIMSON BANKS
OF THE RIVER STYX.



HEAR ME,
SERAPHIM! IF
HEAVEN STANDS
AGAINST ME, LET
IT COME!

BUT
PREPARE
TO REMEMBER
FOREVER THE
DAY THE SKIES
OF HELL...

...RAINED
THE BLOOD OF
ANGELS!

FWASSHHH





INTERLUDE.

AT HEAVEN'S BORDER,
THE SORCERESS
LEVIA THA HAS JUST
BECOME INTRIGUED.

I feel... TRACES
of you, my
LOVER... but you
are NOT yourself!

And someone ELSE
keeps watch! Once
again, I have a
RIVAL for your
sweet ATTENTION!

H
m
m
m...

WHY am I drawn
to the GATES
OF HEAVEN?

By heaven's NARROW
standards, I am not
WORTHY! I cannot
ENTER!

Unless YOU
CORRUPTED the
gate, somehow,
my love...

OF COURSE

NOW I
know!

I'm COMING, my
lord and love.
And NO rival
will STOP me!

END INTERLUDE.

HOW I HATE THIS MORTAL PAIN! MATTHIAS LED WHEN HE PROMISED ME I COULD RENOUNCE THE FLESH!*

WAIT! MATTHIAS WARNED ME TO REMEMBER WHO I AM. WHAT A SHAME I HAD TO GET THRASHED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HE MEANT!

LADY DEATH. THE RECKONING #2

URIEL! BATHED IN THE STYX, YOU CANNOT LIE. YOU DO... UNNNH!... ACKNOWLEDGE...

"THAT I AM THE CHOSEN ONE OF THE WAR OF JUDGEMENT, YES?"

SO, WHAT IF THE SERAPHIM SENT YOU ON YOUR MISSION... IN ERROR?

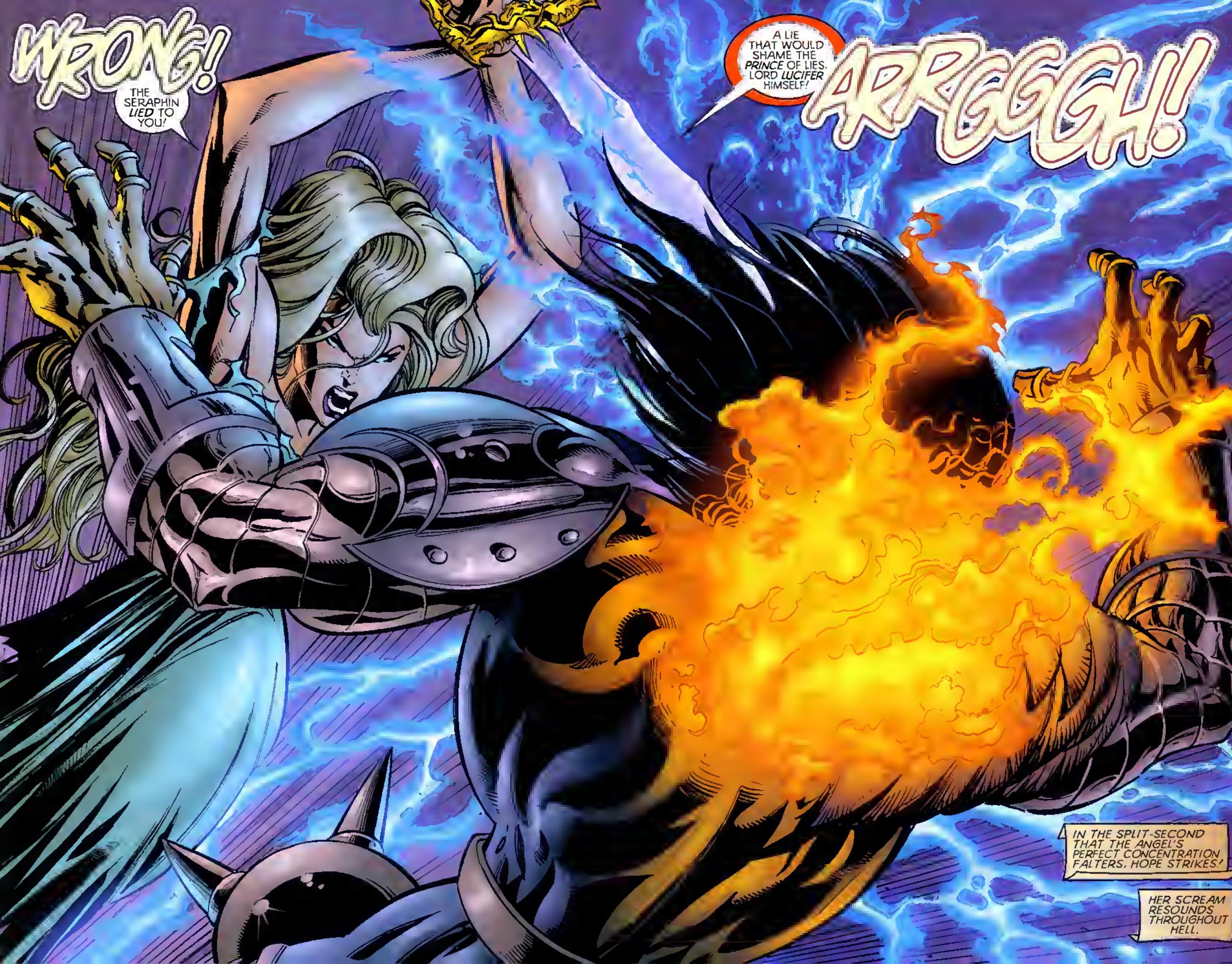
YOU SAID YOU'LL PROTECT HELL TIL THE DAY YOU, AND ONLY YOU, MUST DESTROY IT AT THE END OF JUDGMENT!

OTHERWISE, YOU WOULD HAVE DESTROYED STYX TO KILL ME!

ANSWER THIS: HOW CAN YOU BRING THE DEAD BODY OF THE CHOSEN ONE TO THE SERAPHIM...

...IF THE CHOSEN ONE IS PART OF HELL -- AND THE OUTCOME OF THE JUDGMENT WAR HAS NOT YET BEEN CHOSEN?

YOU ARE CORRUPT. MY MISSION CONTINUES ITSELF.



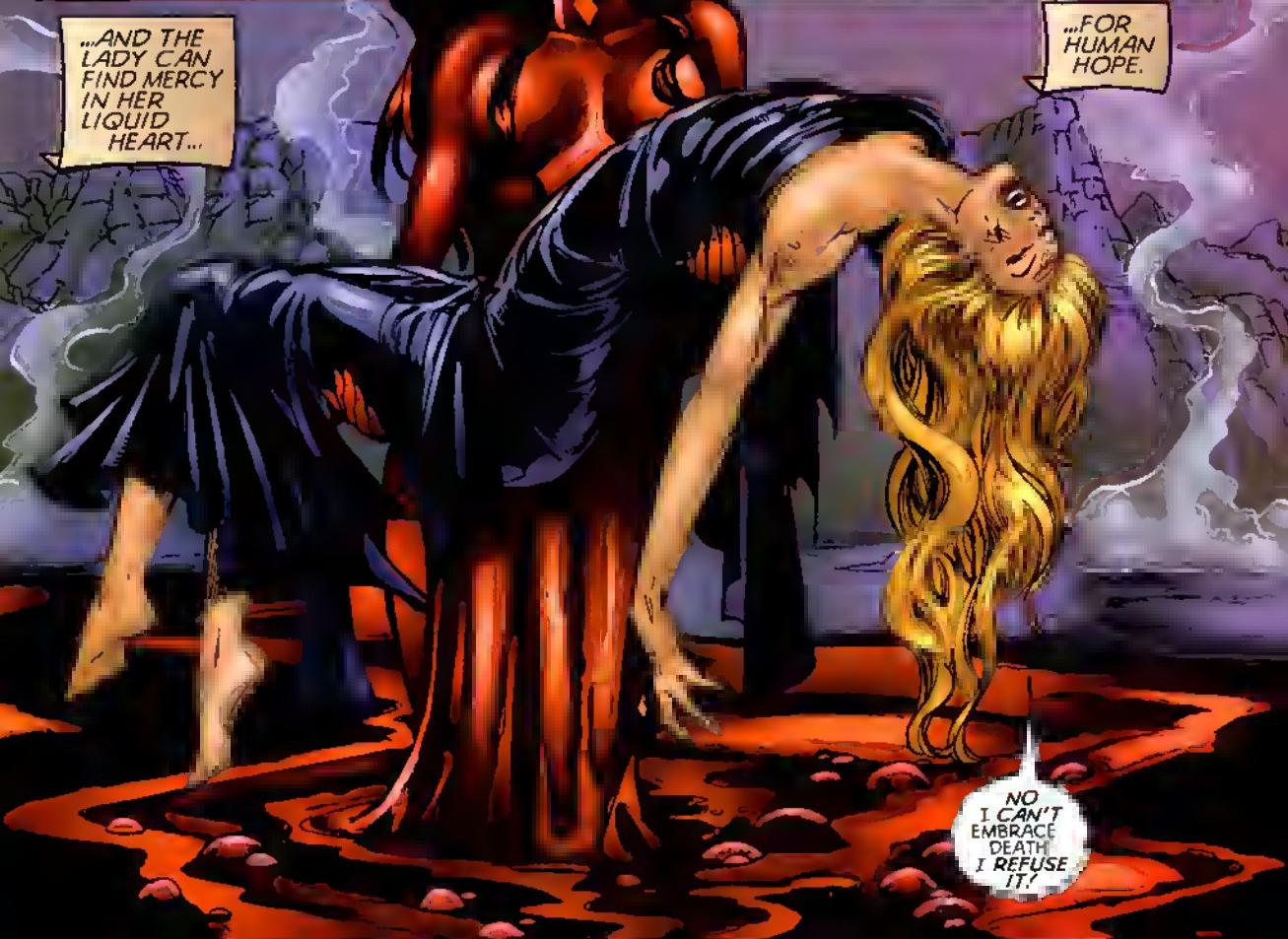
A LIE
THAT WOULD
SHAME THE
PRINCE OF LIES,
LORD LUCIFER
HIMSELF!

THE
SERAPHIN
LIED TO
YOU!

IN THE SPLIT-SECOND
THAT THE ANGEL'S
PERFECT CONCENTRATION
FALTERS, HOPE STRIKES!

HER SCREAM
RESOUNDS
THROUGHOUT
HELL.





LATER, WRAPPED IN THE CLOAK OF LADY STYX, HOPE FACES THE TORTURED FORTRESS OF LADY DEATH.

CREMATOR!

VASSAGO! NAMELESS WOLVES! SOMEHOW I KNOW, YOU ARE MY ONLY ALLIES. I WILL FREE YOU!



AND YOU
THINK I DON'T
HAVE THE WILL, BUT
YOU ARE WRONG.

I CONJURE
THEE HERE, IN
VISIBLE
SHADOW...

HOPE!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?

ILLUMINATORS
OF DARKNESS,
DESTROYERS
OF LIGHT, I CALL
TO THEE!

BY THE
NAME WHICH
I WAS GIVEN...
I ASK THY
GATE TO
OPEN!

I HAVE
LEARNED
FROM URIEL'S
MOMENT OF
DOUBT,
HOPE,

YOU ARE
BURNING!

OPEN
TO
ME!

TRUST
ME, I LOVE MY
WORK TOO MUCH
TO QUESTION
HEAVEN OR
HELL.
IF THE
FIRE DOES
NOT TAKE YOU,
HOPE, SANTA
GLORIA
WILL.

NEXT:
TEMPTATION!



THE CHAOS! TO COME

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YOUR MONTHLY NEWS SOURCE ON ALL THINGS CHAOS! - JUNE '98

From the Crypt

The Covenant is coming.

I can't begin to tell you how excited I am about this storyline because of its ramifications on the entire Chaos! Cosmos. Here is the overview: The Covenant is the storyline running through Lady Death #9-#12. It's written by David Quinn and illustrated by Steven Hughes and will premiere this September. Okay that's the overview. What am I so excited about?

The Covenant represents a shift in how we will be telling stories at Chaos! - and it is because of your letters to us. We are listening. This is how we came to this new direction: after sending out previews of The Omen #1, we received lots of mail. And one thing stood out, readers liked the human point of view of Morgan Gallows. You could relate to how he was feeling. We got a lot of that. It provided a contrast to the menacing, foreboding Armageddon to come or the mad insanity of Evil Ernie.

I brought that notion - a human point of view - to my weekly editorial meetings with David Quinn and Phil Nutman and we explored that hard and heavy. What we came up with is revolutionary in Chaos! history and begins in The Covenant, but instantly spreads through all Chaos! Cosmos books starting around September 1998. Check out Evil Ernie #4 for a big shocker. Check out Purgatori #3 for the same.

The Covenant is daring. It will take Chaos! to the next plateau of storytelling without sacrificing what you want: hard hitting, dark stories that dance on the edge. Also, The Covenant will not compromise what you love about our main characters Lady Death, Purgatori, Evil Ernie, Chastity, The Omen, Dead King, and the others. But do expect a shift.

What is the Covenant and what am I talking about exactly? I ain't tellin'.

Afraid of where we are heading? Don't be. It is simply the nature of Chaos! to evolve.

Sworn To The Black,

-Brian Pulido

CONTACT CHAOS!

The Low Down

Chaos! Goes HOLLYWOOD

Recently, Chaos! prez Brian Pulido headed out to Hollywood with Adam Goldfine and Francisca Pulido to meet with head honchos at several key movie studios and video game developers. Though we won't name names, suffice to say that Chaos! is going critical mass in LA LA land. Some interesting stuff to note: our hottest properties right now are Evil Ernie, Dead King and The Omen. One director of acquisitions at a major, cutting edge studio loved Dead King's twisted action apocalypse. The possibilities are flying!

Brian also met up with Sean Cunningham, creator, director and producer of the Friday the 13th series at his stunning Tudor estate. "Meeting with Sean was a true honor," Pulido says. "He has lots of forward thinking ideas about the state of horror films. To exchange ideas with him was a dark delight." Will Sean Cunningham direct the Evil Ernie movie? It's too early to tell as Pulido meets with a host of directors to bring his undead baby to the silver screen.

Chaos! Charity Auction

Be sure to be at Wizard World Chicago (July 17-19, 1998) because the Chaos! crew will be in full effect. Not only will we be celebrating our fifth year anniversary - can you believe we been at this five years?! - we will be hosting a major charity auction event to benefit Literacy Volunteers of America. The auction will feature original artwork, scripts, merchandise and artifacts from key Chaos! creators like Brian Pulido, Steven Hughes, Phil Nutman, David Quinn, Kyle Kotz, Jason Jensen, David Brewer to just name a few.

The auction will tie in to a major party celebrating five years of Chaos!. Everyone is invit-

ed to join! Call 1-800-690-1669 for more info.

THE OMEN™ DEAD KING Sell Out!

No sooner than two hours after its release, The DMCN #1 (of 5), the hot new series from Phil Nutman, Jusoniano and Elizabeth Lewis sold out at the retail level across the country and in England. The pivotal series, foretelling a possible Armageddon in the Chaos! Cosmos is already climbing the industry's hot lists. Expect a trade paperback for those of you who missed out on the action to come in the fall. There is still time to pre-order The Omen #3-#5, so call your local comic shop now to pre-order.

The following week, DEAD KING #1 (of 4), by Kurt Fisher, David Brewer and Roy Young came out and sold out instantly. Dead King, the story of an undead "hero" battling governmental demons in a zombie plagued Washington DC, is likened to a billion dollar, supernatural version of Die Hard. There is still time to pre-order DEAD KING #3, #4, so call your local comic shop now to pre-order.

Chaos! Action Figures Win Awards

You can't keep a good action figure down. In the aftermath of achieving world record sales, the Chaos! Comics / Moore Action Collectibles action figure assortment is now sweeping the awards categories. Recently, the Evil Ernie action figure won the award for best action figure of 1997 from Go Figure magazine.

Lady Death® Sword

This fall Chaos! unveils its most anticipated product yet, Lady Death's sword, DARKNESS. Darkness is designed by Steven Hughes and crafted by one of the leading weapons manu-

facturers responsible for the licensed Hercules sword and swords for the Highlander television series. They made the knives for aliens IV, knives for The Prophecy and other key movie props. The sword will be made of stainless steel, with a killer combination gold and bronze finish. More details to follow!

Monthly Litho Series Coming In September

This September, Chaos! unveils a series of Archival quality lithographs illustrated by frequent Chaos! collaborator and Catwoman artist Jim Balent and colored by the talented Elizabeth Lewis (Lady Death: Dragon Wars, The Omen). There will be four lithos in all, shipping one a month in the following order: Purgatori and foes, shipping in September; Chastity and foes shipping in October; Evil Ernie and foes shipping in November and Lady Death and foes shipping in December. Each litho will retail for twenty five dollars and is suitable for framing. They make a great gift idea for the holidays.

Chaos! Web Site Updated

We listened to you guys about how you would like to see the Chaos! web site updated and what works and what doesn't. So without further ado, keep checking in because our new, illustrious webmaster, Kyle is in the house and updating constantly (this guy is a machine!).

THE OMEN™ UNHED

Not on the heel of the sold out, super hot series THE DMCN, Chaos! presents THE OMEN: VEXED a one shot shipping in September, written by Phil Nutman (The Omen), illustrated by Ed Benes (Wildcats, Artemis: Requiem) and colored by Elizabeth Lewis (The Omen). The story focuses on Vex, the mysterious and sensuous member of The Chosen. Vex - along with Lady Death, Evil Ernie and Purgatori are drawn into the Necro-dimension of Nocturnus. By consuming their dreams

Nocturnus can consume their souls and in doing so will destroy the Chaos! Cosmos before it's time! To save herself, Vex must save those who would destroy earth and the universe as we know it - or destinies will be changed forever.

Upcoming Online Chats

All chats will be in the Chaos! chatroom @ chaoscomics.com at 9:00 pm EST. You need netscape to get on.

JULY

7th DAVID QUINN Topic - Purgatori
14th PHIL NUTMAN Topic - Chastity: Rocked

Watch this space for other upcoming special events!

Chaos! Covered In The Media

Be on the look out for Interviews from Chaos! Comics publisher Brian Pulido in an upcoming issue of Comics Retailer, where he expresses his views on the state of the comic book industry (the future is in our hands). Also be on the lookout for the incredible SOD (Sounds of Death) magazine, the premiere death metal magazine. The mag features an Evil Ernie cover and a candid interview with Pulido. Finally be on the lookout for the Canadian Rue Morgue magazine, Canada's one stop horror mag, which will feature an awe inspiring Lady Death cover and in depth article on Pulido's views of horror movies and entertainment.

Quick News

Pick up Smiley #1 this month. Purgatori #1 is coming this September. Don't get left out in the cold. Pre-order now! Expect the unexpected in Evil Ernie #5 as the series takes a startling turn. Lady Death #9-#12 features the return of a certain omni-potent bad guy - but not how you would expect. David Quinn and Brian Pulido are working on Lady Death #17-#20 right now! Expect the Omen to get another series before the year is out. Dead King will absolutely show up in Evil Ernie in the new year. Chaos! staffer Steve Eckart was detained by authorities after he was found stealing pies from the local bakery. This was the one hundred and seventy-fifth time this has occurred. Doomsday has been rockin' Arizona of late. Pick up Rob Kalford's new CO Two Voyeurs. It totally rules.

The Chaos! To Come Checklist

June '98

- Lady Death #6 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie Monthly #1 \$2.95
- The Omen #3 (of 5) \$2.95
- Dead King #3 (of 4) \$2.95
- Smiley One-Shot \$2.95
- Fiend Club Newsletter Vol. 4 #2

July '98

- Lady Death #7 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie #2 \$2.95
- The Omen #4 (of 5) \$2.95
- Dead King #4 (of 4) \$2.95
- Lady Death: Retribution \$2.95

August '98

- Lady Death #8 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie #3 \$2.95
- The Omen #5 (of 5) \$2.95
- Evil Ernie vs. The Superheroes II \$2.95
- Pandemonium: Deliverance

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YO CHAOS!

This is my first time writing to a comic book. I just wanted to say Lady Death #4 ROCKED! The coloring was different from the usual style of Jensen and Gray, but it made the story more interesting. The stories Pulido puts out are incredible! How does he do it and still have time to review the scripts for the other comics?

Sworn to the Black

Aaron Taylor

We're glad you enjoyed issue 4 Aaron. We liked it too! There is a simple explanation for Brian's productivity: Grunday, the 8th day of the week. Strategically placed between Thursday and Friday, Grunday gives Brian the edge in meeting deadlines, attending social functions and it leaves him smelling minty fresh! (Coincidentally, I am always scheduled to wash Brian's car on Grunday. I am starting to wonder if there is something fishy about all of this.....)

CHAOS!

I've just recently found Lady Death. I've never really been into comics, but as soon as I saw her I was hooked. Now I'm constantly looking for more. I just wanted to say thanks.

Sincerely,
April Watson

Wow April! What can we say but thanks and welcome aboard!

GREETINGS FIENDS,

I have a couple of questions. What happened to the love between Lady Death and Evil Ernie? When will you touch on the subject? My second question is, how can I find out more about Cremator? He is by far my favorite character in the Chaos! universe. I look forward to Mike Deadato Jr. illustrating Lady Death, I'm sure he'll do great. Continue to spread the word of Chaos!, fiends! Your voice does matter!

Sworn to the Black
Justin Leflar

True love never dies Justin, so rest assured the love shared by Lady Death and Evil Ernie will be addressed in the not too distant future. As for Cremator, be on the look out for a 5 issue Cremator mini series later this year! You won't want to miss it!



Check out this picture of
"Lady Death" by
DAN HILKOWSKI

"I Ate What ?!..."
Senior Graphic Designer Mike Flippin
expresses his surprise after eating one
of my Oatmeal Grasshopper Cluster
Surprise Cookies... got milk!

DEAREST CHAOS!

The band I play guitar in "Penny Dreadfuls" played a super hero theme party this year. Thanks to your beautiful Lady Death, I had a great costume and a great show! I just thought I'd send a picture, a thanks and my love to you!

Melanie Makaiwi

Congrats for your great show Melanie!
Keep on rockin' with Chaos! (we love you
too!)



**"Melanie Makaiwi prepares to rock
the house Chaos! Style!"**

Next Issue

LADY DEATH dared to reclaim the throne of Hell, seeking to unify it before the Judgment War. For her audacity, Lucifer's mate, Leviatha stripped her of her power, reducing her to mortal flesh and blood. Though Hope was fierce enough to escape the wrath of Heaven's first assassin, she now faces more life threatening challenges. How will the indirect assault of the immortal mercenary MOLOCH test her? And what forbidden passion drives the arch angel Michael to show his radiant face in Hell for the first time in two millennia? If you though you knew Lady Death, you need to read this issue.

Brian Pulido
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